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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003 for one (1) month from September 10, 2003 to January 12, 2004 (January 11, 2004 being a Saturday). A response responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/HRT-281/BST in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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